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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER)

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT

REF: MANILA 6080

1. WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN OBTAINING THE
RESPONSE CONTAINED REFTEL. BASED ON THAT RESPONSE WE ARE
NOW PROCEEDING WITH PLANS ON VISIT TO MANILA, MAY 2-4.

2. YOU SHOULD GET MESSAGE TO ROMULO THAT THE VISIT WILL
TAKE PLACE AS PLANNED AND THE GOP HOSPITALITY IS APPRE-
CIATED. ON THE MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OR
OPPOSITION FIGURES, YOU SHOULD CONVEY MESSAGE THAT
PUBLICITY CANNOT BE AVOIDED BUT WILL BE HANDLED IN LOW KEY.
THE VICE PRESIDENT PLANS TO TREAT THE MEETING AS HE WOULD
ONE IN WASHINGTON AND IN KEEPING WITH THE PATTERN FOR
OTHER VISITS, I.E., WE WOULD ANTICIPATE THAT THE MEETING
OR MEETINGS WOULD BE INFORMAL, PROBABLY IN HOTEL WHERE
THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL BE STAYING. THE FACT OF THE
MEETING WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AND A PHOTO TAKEN AS IN ANY
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OTHER MEETING, BUT THERE WOULD BE NO PRESS COVERAGE OF THE
MEETING. AT SOME POINT WE WOULD EXPECT TO RESPOND TO
QUESTIONS IF ASKED ABOUT MEETING.

3. WE WILL BE IN FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THE EMBASSY
ON PLANS FOR THIS ASPECT OF THE PROGRAM. CHRISTOPHER

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